

189 Old Ashley Loop
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

January 2, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice,
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a resident of South Carolina, I am concerned about further Capitol Hill involvement in the Microsoft antitrust case. It is clear that Microsoft has agreed to a fair and reasonable settlement; the settlement should be final, and further federal action against the company represents nothing short of anti-business posturing by the government.

As you know, the economy is in a recession. Microsoft is a major contributor to the nation's economy, and it is imperative that the company is allowed to innovate in the software industry. Any further action would be negative for the consumer and the IT industry.

I appreciate your support in ending this legal action, and putting this case behind us.

Sincerely,


Robert Sobon

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond